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Frame Grist Mill  
Ringoos, Hunterdon County, New Jersey

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Owner: Edward S. Gimson

Date of Erection: 1736

Architect:

Builder: William Dawliss

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Three

Materials of Construction: Foundation - local field-stone laid up dry

Exterior walls - frame construction

Interior walls - mill construction

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

This grist mill is all that remains of the old village of Amwell which was situated about half way between Rocktown and Ringoos. It was the last of a series of six buildings erected by William Dawliss who purchased part of the Benjamin Field tract. Field had acquired three thousand acres in 1702. His brother-in-law Nathan Allen began to dispose of it about 1720. Van Sickle says John Dogworthy purchased one hundred acres on the east side of York Road on May 9, 1724.

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Miss La Rowe records that Dawliss purchased on December 27, 1727 two hundred and sixty-five acres of land from Nathan Allen.

Whenever he acquired the land, Dawliss apparently knew the value of the site for milling purposes. The mills were a very profitable venture. Dawliss built them so that the water running down the slope furnished power to run machinery to them in their turn.

This mill is geared for two sets of millstones; however for a number of years only one was used. The timbers are quite large. The beams on the first floor are 12 x 14. The first floor joists are 5 x 8 laid flat and lapped on the center girder, but not fastened to the sill. The plate is 7 x 10 and the corner posts are 8 x 10. The floor joists on the second and third floors are 8 x 12 supported by 3 x 9 studs with intermediate studs of smaller sizes. All of the timber used is of oak.

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